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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William P. McMullin et al.

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Tran, Ouoc Duc

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Title

Notice of Allowance

· EXTERNAL DETECTION OF OPTIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICES ON AN

UNKNOWN TELEPHONE LINE

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing this application. In reviewing the Notice of Allowability, Applicants note that the Examiner has set forth reasons for allowance. The reasons for allowance indicate that the prior art fails to teach the features recited in independent claim 1. Applicants agree with this assertion; however, Applicants respectfully assert that there are other independent claims having different scope than that of claim 1, and they are believed to be allowable on their own merits.

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 25, 2006, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b. The fee in the amount of \$1400 for the Issue Fee is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization.

Please apply any additional charges or credits to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11/27/2006

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